

a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with said brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported on an annular flange of said filter.

2. (currently amended) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can flip up to expose said brewing chamber.

3. (original) A brew basket of claim 2 wherein said brew basket has flip means wherein said filter further includes a handle for lifting said filter to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.

4. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can swing to one side of said brewing chamber to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.

5. (original) A brew basket of claim 4 wherein said filter and said brewing chamber can swing together or independent of each other.

6. (currently amended) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter is attached to said brewing chamber [with] by pivoting means consisting of a hinge and said brewing chamber is pivotably attached to a beverage brewing system wherein when said brewing chamber is swung out of its operative position in a beverage brewing system, said filter has flip means which can flip up to expose said brewing chamber.

7. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter and said brewing chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.

8. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium has a rim surrounding the replaceable filter medium wherein the rim surrounding the replaceable filter medium is one of snap fitted, press fitted, or wipe sealed onto an annular flange of said filter.

9. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter further includes a filter frame having an annular side wall extending above the replaceable filter medium to provide a reservoir for a brewing liquid.

10. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium is one of a flat sheet, pleated sheet, and high loft material.

11. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 further including an indicator for indicating to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.
12. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 further including a fastening means at one or more points along a top edge of said brewing chamber.
13. (original) A brew basket of claim 1 further including a drip-style coffee maker.
14. (currently amended) A beverage brewing system comprising of:
 - a brew basket comprising a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with said brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported by an annular flange of the filter.
15. (currently amended) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein brew basket has flip means wherein the filter can flip up to expose the brewing chamber.
16. (original) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter can swing to one side to expose the brewing chamber.
17. (currently amended) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter is attached to the brewing chamber [with] by pivoting means consisting of a hinge and the brewing chamber is pivotably attached to said beverage brewing system wherein when the brewing chamber is swung out of its operative position in said beverage brewing system, the filter can flip up to expose the brewing chamber.
18. (original) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter and the brewing chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.
19. (original) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein said brew basket further includes a fastening means at one or more points along a top edge of the brewing chamber for securing the filter.
20. (original) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the replaceable filter medium is one of a flat sheet, a pleated sheet, and a high loft material.

21. (original) A beverage brewing system of claim 14 further including an indicator to indicate to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.

22. (currently amended) A method of making a brewed beverage comprising the steps of:

providing a brewed beverage system comprising a brew basket including a brewing chamber containing beverage brewing ingredients, the brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of the brewed beverage to exit the brewing chamber, and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with the brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported on an annular flange of said filter;

providing said brewing chamber with flip means wherein said filter further includes a handle for lifting said filter to expose an interior of said brewing chamber;

heating a liquid within the brewed beverage system; contacting the heated liquid with the replaceable filter medium wherein the replaceable filter medium removes substantially all contaminants in the heated liquid;

mixing the substantially contaminant-free heated liquid with the beverage brewing ingredients.

23 (original) The method of claim 22 further including the step of collecting a brewed beverage as it exits the brewing chamber.

24. (original) The method of claim 22 further including the step of replacing the filter medium.

25. (new) A beverage brewing system comprising of:

a brew basket comprising a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with said brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported

by an annular flange of the filter; wherein said brew basket further includes a fastening means at one or more points along a top edge of the brewing chamber for securing the filter.

26. (new) A brew basket for a beverage brewing system comprising of:

a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and

a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with said brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported on an annular flange of said filter; said filter is attached to said brewing chamber by pivoting means consisting of a hinge; and said brewing chamber is pivotably attached to a beverage brewing system wherein when said brewing chamber is swung out of its operative position in a beverage brewing system, said filter has flip means which can flip up to expose said brewing chamber.

27. (new) A beverage brewing system comprising of:

a brew basket comprising a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter pivotably attached by pivoting means to and in fluid communication with said brewing chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported by an annular flange of the filter and said filter is attached to the brewing chamber with a hinge and the brewing chamber is pivotably attached to said beverage brewing system wherein when the brewing chamber is swung out of its operative position in said beverage brewing system, the filter can flip up to expose the brewing chamber.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Office Action and considered the several remarks set forth by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully request in view of the instant amendment to the claims and remarks submitted in support thereof.